

Paul: Not knowing the facts makes it harder to write something like this, but I can say our office has not been contacted by any media. It could be a tempest in a teapot. Anyway, here's a draft for you (has not been sent to anyone else):

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Some questions have been raised in recent days about some of my comments following the execution of Bobby Glen Wilcher related to one of his requests. I want to provide this additional explanation.

A few days before his October 18, 2006, execution date, Mr. Wilcher requested that he be allowed a conjugal visit from a woman with whom he had talked in the weeks since his execution was delayed in July. Since the woman was not his wife and such a visit would be inappropriate, I quickly denied his request.

This was Mr. Wilcher's request and because I denied it I did not see any reason to even discuss it with the woman herself. I can say in all candor she never expressed to me any interest in a conjugal visit with Bobby Glen Wilcher. I will not presume to guess at the nature of their friendship, and I repeat, this was his request, not hers; had it also been hers, my answer would have been the same.

In re-viewing some media reports after the execution, I can understand why some confusion resulted. I regret the circumstances in which this confusion arose and felt it important to clear the air.